

REMARKS

Amendment to the Claims

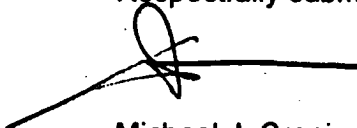
Per the examiner's direction, all the claims have been cancelled or amended to be properly dependent.

CONCLUSION

Applicants' attorney believes the examiner has found that neither novelty or obviousness are now at issue. Early allowance of the amended claims is therefore requested.

It would be greatly appreciated if the undersigned was telephoned in the event that any questions remain, or are newly raised by this response.

Respectfully submitted,



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